Subject: Roman gold medallion--cast of.

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H. Mattingly,
British Museum,
London, England.

My dear Mr. Mattingly:-

Since my return to New York I have constantly had in my mind the thought to send you casts of the Roman gold coins in the Morgan Collection. After considerable effort on my part due to my personal laziness, and a stock of very poor plaster which Mr. Wood had secured during my absence, I have gotten together some wretched casts, which I am giving Mr. Wood to take to you. As I explained to you, this collection of gold is in our possession as a loan, and we are very uncertain as to what may ultimately become of it, although we have some reason to hope that it may finally be a part of our own cabinet. The terms upon which the loan was made preclude our being allowed to illustrate or discribe any of the coins until after a catalogue of them has been published. I do not imagine that this will make any difference to you but call it to your attention in passing.

If you desire really good casts of any of the pieces, do not hesitate to send for them. To do this it would probably be safest to return the casts that you have for the purpose of identification.

In spite of my complaint in the first paragraph about the labor involved, I really would be very glad to assist you in any way possible, and I think Mr. Wood will assure you of this when he sees you.

May I thank you again for the cordial way which you all received me, and express the very strong desire on my part to be in London once more, a thing I hope to do within the next two or three years. Give my regards to Mr. Hill, Mr. Allen and Mr. Robinson.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to Curator.

March 23rd, 1923

Harold Mattingly, Esq.
Dept. of Coins & Medals
British Museum, London

Dear Mr. Mattingly:

I beg to thank you most sincerely for your monograph on the coins of Galba. At the time it came out, I took much pleasure in reading it.

Please remember me to yourfellow workers in the Coin-room, and again thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Curator

HW/E

DEPARTMENT OF COINS AND MEDALS,

BRITISH MUSEUM,

LONDON, W.C.1.

21. 9. 23.

Dear Howland Wood

We have in our hands the
main part of a large find of Roman
denarii & Antoniniani of the
end of 2nd century, mainly very
common types, but fine & very
fine condition: there is an
especially large selection of
Trajan Decius & Gordianus,
with few types but great
wealth of portraiture. As this
studying the find, we are
advising the owner to
distribute & have been
making up lots of any thing
from 40 to 120 coins to

Municipal Museum. Would you
Museum care for a set? Chris
sketches at 1/- also one has
been the issue: the best are
nearly F.D.C., the worst indecent
condition. If you are
already stocking in the Indian
Trajan Decius issued, it's
unlikely hardly worth your while:
but, if you are not, it's a
good idea to think of stocking
the common types. You
might like to just mention this
to Newell too - but it's
rather small beer for him.
Anyhow, I don't want to worry
either of you - I only mention
it in case it had not crossed
a mind. All these visits in
best wishes to you. When are you
coming over again? Yours sincerely
Harold Mattingly

DEPARTMENT OF COINS AND MEDALS,
BRITISH MUSEUM,
LONDON, W.C.1.

22. 10. 23.

Dear Mr. Howland Wood

Many thanks for your answer. I am sending you off a set of 84 coins, which I hope will please you: we will make the price £4. if that suits you, as some of the early denarii are rather worn. We have had Newell in here the last day or two: he was in Paris & managed just to snatch a week-end in England. I will show him the selection I have made for you, if he is in again today.

The B.M. has a copy of Rom AR
medal, but not for
suspension & with the reverse
left blank: I should think
the medal is uncommon, as it
is not in Cochran-Patrick's
book on Scotch Medals.

The East India Company
medal is very interesting:
on search, I find we have
a specimen here: thanks
for calling our attention to it.

Yours sincerely

Harold Mattingly

P.S. Allan tells me there is a
book by Dick Lauder
on "Morayshire Floods".

October 10th, 1923.

Harold Mattingly, Esq.,
Department of Coins and Medals,
British Museum,
London, W.C.1, England.

Dear Mr. Mattingly:

Your letter at hand, and we have no great assortment of the Roman coins of the period that you mention. We would be very pleased to have you make us up a set figuring about £4. Mr. Newell has sailed for Bagdad otherwise I would call the matter to his attention.

I am enclosing two rubbings, the one concerning the Great Flood we should judge pertains to Findhorn in Scotland, and we were wondering if it was of any special rarity. The other rubbing you might hand to Mr. Allen or whoever is interested in tokens, as we thought it was interesting not having seen one before.

Thanking you for the offer of the coins, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Curator.

November 8th, 1923.

Harold Mattingly, Esq.,
Department of Coins and Medals,
British Museum, London, W.C.1,

Dear Mr. Mattingly:

The Roman coins reached here yesterday, and we were very much pleased with them. I am enclosing my cheque for £4 to pay for these. Naturally, I have not had a chance to compare them with our own but I can see, especially with the later ones, that they will fit in very nicely with our collection.

I want to thank you for allowing us to participate in the dispersal of these, and trust that you will acquaint us of any other lots you might want to dispose of.

Many thanks for what you say concerning the Scottish flood medal.

With kindest rememberances to all at the Museum, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Curator.

Department of Coins and Medals,
British Museum,
London: W.C 1.

19. 11. 23.

Just a line to thank you for so promptly sending the cheque (£4.0.0.) : and to say that there will be a short notice on the find in the Numismatic Chronicle - only we are so short of space, in the present difficulties of printing, that it may get held up, as definitely I'll remember you. Certainly in a similar case in future

Best greetings from us all.
Harold Mattingly

POST CARD.

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

Howland Wood Esq^r

The American Numismatic Society

Broadway, between 155th & 156th Streets

New York

April 25th, 1925

H. E. Mattingley, Esq.
Dept. of Coins & Medals
British Museum, London

Dear Mr. Mattingley:

The cast of the Roman gold medallion for Mrs. Brett has come safely to hand.

Very many thanks for your courtesy.

Very truly yours,

Curator